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Agree.

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On Jun 8, 2016, at 7:44 PM, Kavlock, Robert <Kavlock.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

I may opt to replace the first item with NCEA search.

On Jun 8, 2016, at 6:24 PM, Blackburn, Elizabeth <Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

It's been awhile; we have a number of topics on the list. Chris, do we need to add a call in number?

1. SciPinion – Bob
2. Biofuels report – Bob
3. Ramazzini – Kacee
4. HSST second letter response – Kacee

5. Follow up on drones – Liz
6. Appeal Awards? (see below)
7. PIP announcement memo - Tom send?
8. Monday EC meeting
 - Debrief on meeting with Stan and Donna
 - ORD leadership development program
9. EC July 19 agenda – (see attached straw)
10. FYI - Future state exec resources - meet with Suzanne and Jenn on criteria and future state June 27 - 29

Appealing Awards?

I spoke to Russ Kreis, the ORD representative for the National Honor Awards board and it was indicated that the Gold Medal winner “Village Green Project” was on the higher end of the ranking, however the other three nominations(including the one that was submitted under the Office of the Science Advisor instead of ORD) ranked fairly low in the voting results. Therefore, I would not recommend submitting reconsideration requests because I do not think it would change the outcome.

Hopefully, soon we will be receiving the complete listing of the Agency Honor Award recipients and historically it reveals that ORD employees are included on a number of

other awards submitted by other offices, especially gold, silver and science achievement awards.

Nominations for 2015 EPA National Honor Awards

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Gold/Silver Medal

Regional Climate Change-Air Quality-Human Health Interactions Team – NERL

For scientific leadership in developing modeling techniques and data to quantify the impacts of regional climate change and air quality on human health.

Village Green Project – NERL

In recognition of exemplary scientific achievement in development of a novel monitoring system to enhance community-based environmental awareness and learning opportunities for the public.

Connectivity Science Synthesis Team - NCEA

For comprehensively synthesizing scientific information needed to inform the development of the Agency's 2015 Clean Water Rule and authoring the Connectivity Science Synthesis Report

EPA Lab Evaluation Synthesis Team- OSA (Submitted Separately for OSA)

For leadership to develop a “one EPA” approach that strengthens the EPA laboratory enterprise, its facilities, and its science contributions.

Paul G. Keough Award for Administration Excellence Award

Mary Sullivan, NHSRC

For exceptional contributions to the operations and effectiveness of EPA's National Homeland Security Research Center.

Glenda A. Farmer Award for Exemplary Technical Support

Daniel Williams, NRMRL

For outstanding technical support to the mission of the Water Supply and Water Resources Division in support of EPA's Goal 2, Protecting the Nation's Water Supply.

Award for Outstanding Leadership in Collaborative Problem Solving

Gulf/Caribbean Community Sustainability Team, NHEERL

For combining applied sustainability science and direct public engagement with innovative approaches to elucidate community fundamental objectives using new and innovative tools for decision making.

Managerial Leadership Award

Shawn Ryan, NHSRC

For his outstanding leadership and accomplishments in support of EPA's mission to protect public health and the environment.

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Exemplary Customer Service Award

EPA Traceability Protocol Team, NRMRL

For efforts to improve the protocol for calibration of gases used to ensure accurate measurements of pollutants in ambient air and from sources.

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Nominations for 2015 Separately Paneled Awards

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Award for Sustained Outstanding Contributions to International Environmental Protection

Jeffrey Yang, NRMRL

For outstanding contributions to advancing International Environmental Protection collaborations with the Republic of China.

Exemplary Leadership in Records Management

OneNote Electronic Lab Notebook Team, NHEERL

For outstanding accomplishments and ongoing efforts in creating, demonstrating, and promoting a feasible and cost-effective approach to electronic laboratory records.

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Science Achievement Award – Air Quality

The Aviation Team, NRMRL

For development of new methods to measure aircraft emissions and support for international aircraft emission standards.

Gayle Hagler, NRMRL

For scientific contributions to advance the techniques and methods available to understand dynamic air pollutant concentrations and contributing sources.

Air Quality Model Evaluation International Initiative Team, NERL

For outstanding leadership in promoting international scientific collaboration on integrated atmospheric modeling systems to inform policies that simultaneously address air quality, climate and energy issues.

Science Achievement Award – Earth Sciences

Characterization, Fate and Release of Micronized Copper from Pressure Treated, NRMRL

For contributing to the protection and safety of the American public through collaborative assessment of impacts on environmental and health of consumers.

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Science Achievement Award – Waste Management

Addressing Subsurface Smoldering Events at Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, NRMRL

For contributing to the protection and safety of the American people through research to provide best management practices for elevated temperatures in RCRA Municipal Waste Landfills.

Contract Management Award

NSSC Team, OARS (Shaun House and Robin Harris)

For exceptional performance in the award and successful implementation of ORD's National Student Services Contract.

George T. Moore, NRMRL

For superior contract management support to the USEPA's Cincinnati Research Operations.

Assistance Management Award

Michael Royer, NRMRL

Mr. Royer, as project officer of a multi-year, multimillion dollar Cooperative Agreement, promoted collaboration and leveraging to provide improved science for water infrastructure challenges.

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